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## Minutes 10/07/2010

Arlington Recycling Committee  
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Present: Gordon Jamieson (co-chair), Juli Brazile (co-chair), Colette Lamontangne, Robert McGill, Pete Howard (secretary)

**TIP TONNAGE:** Gordon reviewed an updated bi-monthly chart showing the solid waste tonnage delivered to North Andover. There has been no change for the last year except for the 300 T increase in the spring because of the water-damaged basement material.

**TOWN DAY:** Ruth reported that the booth was well attended. She distributed about 1000 Uncle Sam bags together with recycling flyers and info. She put AHS & Ottoson students to work reminding vendors to recycle cardboard. She set out the bottle & can bags & DPW staff picked them up at the end of the day. She got 3 interested residents to add to the email list.

**COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY:** Ruth provided a flyer listing all services. Volunteers are needed for 2 shifts: 9-11 and 11-1. Colette & Pete will be available. Juli will check w/ Stratton on the book shuttle & the Fox Thrift Stop (Diane DuPont) for clothing, toys, etc. Gordon will verify if redemption center will pick up SAVE material. Gordon & Juli will appear at BoS meeting to request designation of Arlington Recycles Week. Gordon will advertize on Arlington List. Ruth will advertize in Advocate & Cable.

**RECYCLING & COMPOSTING PROMOTIONAL IDEAS:** Following an animated discussion the group agreed on the following general approach. There will be a coordinated monthly theme that will be carried out the week after the monthly meeting. This will include an E-Alert, an Op Ed Advocate article, at least one recycling tip. Pete will draft the article for November on paper. Bob, who has borrowed Anneli's tip book will prepare a tip. Ruth will coordinate w/ Joan Roman concerning an E-Alert. The group expects that these tasks will rotate.

**BINS:** The map on the web page needs to be updated.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bob suggested increasing the list of bulky items collected at the curb for a fee to include lawnmowers & mattresses. Gordon thinks there may be a company that recycles mattresses. Bob will investigate.

**WINDOWS ON WATER:** Sustainable Arlington provided a description by email (below) for an event to take place 10/21 7 to 9 at the Senior Center.

**NEXT MEETING** November 4th at 7:30, Town Hall Annex, first floor conference room

Sustainable Arlington is joining the Arlington EcoFest Committee to hold public events focused on water. The first event, Windows on Water, concerns water sustainability in Arlington and will be held October 21st from 7-9 pm. The second event will be the 2011 EcoFest titled How We Affect the Water that Affects Us at Town Hall on March 26th. Windows on Water will include: Arlington's seven water bodies (all in the Mystic River Watershed); water conservation; public water supply including infrastructure; storm water overflows and flooding; pollution (e.g., sanitary sewer overflows; effects of storm runoff containing lawn and other household chemicals and de-icing salt), and climate change. This program is designed to foster community learning and conversation about our water. Massachusetts State Representative Will Brownsberger and Arlington Selectman Clarissa Rowe will be participating alongside residents as we learn from each other and share our questions and concerns about water availability, safety, infrastructure, conservation, and recreation.

The event will begin at 7pm with refreshments and displays that encourage thought and conversation. At 7:30 there will be a welcome by your hosts from Sustainable Arlington and the Arlington EcoFest Committee, as well as a short film on the Mystic River Watershed. Next, guests may choose a water display topic that piques their interest and about which they would like to talk more. At 8:30 we'll gather one more time to share new thoughts and ideas that come out of the evening's discussions, all while enjoying snacks, baked goods and beverages donated by local businesses. We have much to learn from each other, and suggestions and ideas generated on October 21 will contribute to the planning of future activities throughout the year, as Sustainable Arlington and the Arlington EcoFest Committee continue to host a year-long focus on water sustainability.